

be incorporated into the foam. A major advantage lies in the ease of site removal and dressing disposal by simple washing and flushing procedures.

### ***CLAIMS***

We claim:

1. A biodegradable hydrophilic starch polymer dressing for wound treatment.
2. A dressing in Claim 1 wherein the starch polymer is dominantly comprised of the amylose form of the polymer.
3. A dressing in Claim 1 in which the hydrophilic nature is controlled by the addition of biodegradable polyesters.
4. A dressing in Claim 1 which serves a vehicle of delivery of therapeutic agents, appropriate chemicals and bio-molecules.
5. A starch polymer that can be administered to wound sites as a preformed gel.